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Dear

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

**You asked:**

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide answers to the following:**

**1. For each of the financial years 2015/16 to 2019/20:**

**a. How many of your patients had an indwelling urinary catheter (also called a Foley catheter)H placed or were admitted with a urinary catheter in situ?**

15/16 - 1077

16/17 - 1198

17/18 - 1185

18/19 - 1434

19/20 - 850 records coded to 13/12/2019

Additional comments from our Clinical Coding Department

Our code for insertion of indwelling catheter is M47.9 in OPCS 4. However according to our rule PCSM6 we only code catheterisation when it is done for urinary retention. We do not code it when:

- Catheter insertion is performed routinely as part of, or following, a procedure
- Catheter insertion is performed to keep the patient comfortable during admission, for example in an elderly immobile long stay patient

There is no specific code to identify patients admitted with a catheter in situ

**b. How many patients with an indwelling urinary catheter got a Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)?**

15/16 - 6

16/17 - 18

17/18 - 20

18/19 - 28

19/20 - 32 records coded to 13/12/2019

Additional comments from our Clinical Coding Department

Our code for a Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection is N39.0 with Y84.6 in secondary position.

**c. How many cases were there of a primary CAUTI developing into a gram-negative bloodstream infection?**

We do not record this information.

**2. Do you track where CAUTIs originate i.e. the hospital Trust or in the community?**

Only if they result in a bacteraemia.

**3. Does your Trust follow guidance or protocols for:**

**a. The recognition, diagnosis and treatment of a CAUTI? If so, please indicate what these are.**

Policies, procedures and documentation based on national guidance.

**b. Urinary Catheter selection, insertion and ongoing care? If so, please indicate what these are.**

Policies, procedures and documentation based on national guidance.

**c. What processes does the Trust have in place to ensure practical adherence to the guidelines in a) and b)? How does the Trust monitor these processes?**

Ad hoc clinical audit.

**4. How many prescriptions of antimicrobials/antibiotics were dispensed in each of the financial years from 2015/16 to 2019/20 in relation to a CAUTI?**

**a. How many different antimicrobials/antibiotics were used?**

**b. Are these antimicrobials/antibiotics used to treat other infections?**

We cannot provide treatment based data as this isn't currently stored.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Fleming', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mary Fleming  
Chief Operating Officer

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